

**Attachment
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City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct effective January 1, 2007

No City-funded Employees as Board Members

The City will not execute any Agreements and/or Amendments with Contractors where an employee (an individual who is paid or receives any financial benefit from funds from the Agreement with the City), is a member of the Board of Directors. The Board minutes must reflect this requirement.

Code of Conduct

The City requires that all Contractors/Sub-Contractors adopt a Code of Conduct which, at minimum reflects, the constraints discussed in Directive Number FY07-0001. No Agreements and/or Amendments will be executed without City approval of this Code of Conduct.

Further, the City requires compliance with the following conflict of interest requirements for all City funded contractors.

Conflict of Interest

- A. Prior to obtaining the City's approval of any subcontract, the Contractor shall disclose to the City any relationship, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, of the Contractor or any of its officers, directors or employees or their immediate family with the proposed subcontractor and its officers, directors or employees.
- B. The Contractor covenants that none of its directors, officers, employees, or agents shall participate in selecting, or administering any subcontract supported (in whole or in part) by City funds (regardless of source) where such person is a director, officer, employee or agent of the subcontractor; or where the selection of subcontractors is or has the appearance of being motivated by a desire for personal gain for themselves or others such as family business, etc.; or where such person knows or should have known that:
 - 1. A member of such person's immediate family, or domestic partner or organization has a financial interest in the subcontract;
 - 2. The subcontractor is someone with whom such person has or is negotiating any prospective employment; or
 - 3. The participation of such person would be prohibited by the California Political Reform Act, California Government Code §87100 *et seq.* if such person were a public officer, because such person would have a "financial or other interest" in the subcontract.
- C. Definitions:
 - 1. The term "immediate family" includes but is not limited to domestic partner and/or those persons related by blood or marriage, such as husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.
 - 2. The term "financial or other interest" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Any direct or indirect financial interest in the specific contract, including a commission or fee, a share of the proceeds, prospect of a promotion or of future

employment, a profit, or any other form of financial reward.

- b. Any of the following interests in the subcontractor ownership: partnership interest or other beneficial interest of five percent or more; ownership of five percent or more of the stock; employment in a managerial capacity; or membership on the board of directors or governing body.
- 3. A subcontract is any agreement entered into by Contractor for the purchase of goods or services with any funds provided by this Agreement.
- D. Minutes of Board Meetings must reflect disclosure of transactions where Board Members may have had a direct or indirect interest/benefit in the action.
- E. No director, officer, employee (or agent) of the Contractor may be on the Board of Directors if they receive any financial benefit provided by any City Agreement.
- F. The Contractor further covenants that no officer, director, employee, or agent shall solicit or accept gratuities, favors, anything of monetary value from any actual or potential subcontractor, supplier, a party to a sub agreement, (or persons who are otherwise in a position to benefit from the actions of any officer, employee, or agent).
- G. The Contractor shall not subcontract with a former director, officer, or employee within a one-year period following the termination of the relationship between said person and the Contractor.
- H. For further clarification of the meaning of any of the terms used herein, the parties agree that references shall be made to the guidelines, rules, and laws of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, and Federal regulations regarding conflict of interest.
- I. The Contractor warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give to any third person, any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.
- J. The Contractor covenants that no member, officer or employee of Contractor shall have interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract or the proceeds thereof for work to be performed in connection with this project during his/her tenure as such employee, member or officer or for one year thereafter.
- K. The Contractor shall incorporate the foregoing subsections of this Section into every agreement that its enters into in connection with this project and shall substitute the term “subcontractor” for the term “Contractor” and “sub-subcontractor” for “Subcontractor”.
- L. The Contractor warrants that it has adopted and shall comply with the Code of Conduct, as approved by the City, that meets the foregoing requirements.